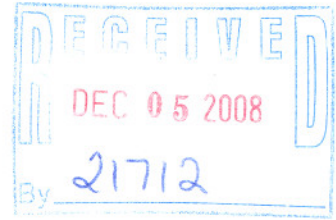


# TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

COUNTY OF WARREN



STATE OF NEW JERSEY



December 3, 2008

Eileen Swan, Executive Director  
New Jersey Highlands Council  
100 North Road  
Chester, New Jersey 07930

Ms. Swan,

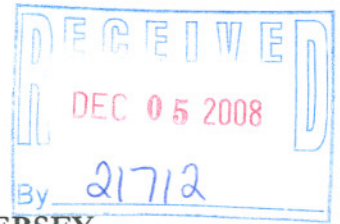
Enclosed is Resolution Number 2008-65 adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, Warren County, New Jersey, at a regular scheduled meeting, Monday, December 1st, 2008.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (908) 689-3994 x15.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR  
Municipal Clerk

Cc: New Jersey Highlands Council  
Chuck McGroarty, Banisch Associates  
Mike Finelli, Finelli Consulting Engineers



**RESOLUTION 2008-65**

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PETITION THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL  
FOR PLAN CONFORMANCE**

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act (Highlands Act), N.J.S.A. 13:20-1 et seq., finds and declares that protection of the New Jersey Highlands is an issue of State level importance because of its vital link to the future of the State's drinking water supplies and other key natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act creates a coordinated land use planning system requiring the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council (Highlands Council) to prepare and adopt a Regional Master Plan for the Highlands Region and requiring that within nine to 15 months after September 8, 2008, each county and municipality located wholly or partially in the Preservation Area must submit a Petition for Plan Conformance to the Highlands Council for that portion of its jurisdiction lying within the Preservation Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Act specifies that conformance with the Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines require that for jurisdictions with any lands in the Preservation Area, a Notice of Intent to conform to the Regional Master Plan must be submitted to the Highlands Council as soon as practicable, but not later than February 1, 2009 and that for any lands in the Planning Area, a Notice of Intent may be submitted at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ lies within the Highlands Region as defined by the Highlands Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ believes that it is in the best interest of the Township of Franklin to conform to the Regional Master Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ hereby provides the Highlands Council with this Notice of Intent to petition the Highlands Council for Plan Conformance for all lands lying within the Preservation Area.

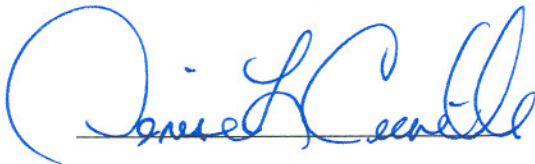
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, This Notice of Intent additionally specifies that the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ intends to include all lands lying within the Preservation Area in the petition. In accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines, this Notice of Intent is not binding with respect to lands within the Planning Area.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this Notice of Intent provides notice to the Highlands Council that the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

On motion by Mark Blaszk and seconded by Michael Ferri the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-65**  
be adopted as read.

<b>Roll Call Vote</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent/Abstained</b>
Mark Blaszk	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Michael Ferri	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) Absent      Motion Carried

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township  
Committee of the Township of Franklin on Monday, December 1st, 2008.



**Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR**

**Municipal Clerk**

Dated: December 1, 2008